

ANCIENT HISTORY.

Some Reminiscences of Base Ball Contests of Other Years.

THE INTRODUCTION OF THE GAME

In This City Away Back in the Early '60's—The First Club Ever Organized and the Results That Followed, From the Balkies and Standards Down to the First Professional Team Put on a Wheeling Diamond—Some Remarkable Contests of Those Good Old Days of the Straight Pitched Ball—Last Night's Howling Scores, Yesterday's Races—Other Sports of Interest.

As the interest in base ball is reviving in this city, and as there are good prospects for a professional club this season, a local retrospect of the national game will not only be timely, but the ancient history, the early struggles of the pastime for popular favor will command a lively interest at this juncture. The game was first introduced in the early '60's by the late C. H. Collier, who at that time was principal of the Second ward school, where the Lincoln school now stands. Mr. Collier was just fresh from college and a firm believer in the benefits to be derived from outdoor sports in connection with the mental tasks of the student, and so it was not long after he became settled in his position that he set about organizing the older scholars into a foot ball club. This sport did not take with most of the boys, when it struck Mr. Collier to try base ball on them, the game then being in its infancy and almost wholly confined to the far east. The similarity of the game to the familiar game of town ball, and having many attractive points the latter did not possess, captured the boys at once, and as a consequence the old Star base ball club, the first in the city, came into existence. It would be tedious to follow the history of the game through all the years until the fever, which had been increasing in virulence every summer, resulted in the organization of some very fair amateur teams. The most important one in the early history of the game was the Baltic team, from the fact that it toured the prominent towns of the state, winning an unbroken succession of victories. The old Mears club, of Steubenville, however, was their *bete noir*. They never did beat them. It was during the life of the Baltic team that the celebrated Cincinnati Red Stockings were at the zenith of their fame. Harry Wright's pets were induced to stop over in Wheeling and try conclusions with the Baltics. The game was interesting only from the standpoint of the large score, the Red Stockings making sixty-six runs and the Wheeling team, through some inadvertence, scoring six in six innings. During this time and in later years there flourished the Bridge City, Anchor, National, United, Champion and Osceola, with many minor clubs such as the Enterprise, Eagle, etc. There were many warm contests in those days, but they left no bitter memories, as the days of professional ball had not yet come.

It was when the old Standard club was on the diamond that the liveliest interests centered around the fortunes of a Wheeling team, and from that period until the organization of the semi-professional Wheeling club the patrons of the sport were as great cranks as the "fans" of later years. Then followed a long interm of inactivity and indifference until once more the fever struck the town and Wheeling launched a strictly professional team as a member of the Tri-State League. The history of that revival is too well known to be mentioned at length in the scope of this article. It is only necessary to state that from the inception of the game to the second interregnum. Many of the star players of the national league of to-day were graduated from the diamond of the Wheeling club.

During all these years there have been some remarkable contests, and in chronological order the famous game between the semi-professional Neshaunock team of New Castle, Pa., and the old Standards comes first. With the Neshaunocks as catcher was Charley Bennett, afterwards of the champion Boston. Well, the Wheeling boys didn't do a thing that day but wipe up the earth with the Pennsylvania aggregation, defeating them to the tune of 19 to 0.

Then came along some years afterwards the Indianapolis Association team, and they found the Wheeling boys to be made of sterner stuff than they counted on. The first game resulted 1 to 0, and the second game 2 to 1 in favor of the visitors, but the home team and their friends were very much gratified in having been able to make so good a showing.

The game between the Cincinnati club (not the Red Stocking, but the feeble offspring) and the semi-professional Wheeling team was a mild corker for those days. On the ninth inning the score stood 5 to 5 in favor of the Cincinnati's, and the Nail City boys came to the bat very languidly for their closing half. Somehow the first man at the bat knocked out a corking two baser, which put some life into those who followed, and before the last man was out they had piled up six runs, winning the contest by a score of 11 to 6.

The greatest, and at the same time most unexpected victory of the Wheeling Tri-state team was the morning game with the Zanesville on July 4 in 1880 or 1887. There was a tremendous crowd of spectators on the grounds, but during the progress of the game they thinned out, many leaving in disgust about the sixth inning because Wheeling hadn't scored with Zanesville away in the lead. But those "easy quitters" missed it. Wheeling took a batting streak, tied the score in the ninth and won out in the tenth. You could hear the frenzied yelling of that crowd on the island at the city building. Fact.

Another remarkable game was the defeat, several years later, of the Pittsburgh team in an exhibition game, by a score of 1 to 0. There were many other eventful games but these are the only ones that the writer can recall, writing from a treacherous memory. With all these old triumphs spread before the public it is to be hoped that their imperfect record will revive some of the spirit and local patriotism that prevailed in those days and encourage the projectors of the club for this season to give Wheeling such a base ball revival as she has never yet experienced.

Eastern Racing Prospects.

Racing men about New York are still waiting, with as much patience as they can command, for the legislature to take action on the constitutional amendment. The feeling is general that the matter of racing in the next year rests largely with the legislature. Most of the prominent owners in the east

have entered liberally in western stakes. Some of them, such as Colonel Ruppert, J. W. Rogers, Matt Allen and Matt Byrnes, are likely to begin the season in the west, but if there seems to be a prospect for the usual high class racing at home it is safe to say that nearly all of them will speedily forsake the west for the east.

LA-BELLE STILL LEADS.

The "Ironworkers" Defeat Wheeling in Two Very Interesting Games.

Club	Won	Lost	Per Cent.	High Score
LaBelle	6	0	1.000	825
Nametes	4	0	1.000	875
The Brownies	4	0	1.000	914
The Bowlers	3	1	.750	865
Columbia	2	2	.500	829
Poa and Fenell	1	3	.250	847
Lottis	1	3	.250	829
Providence	1	3	.250	825
Calumet	0	4	.000	715
Wheeling	0	6	.000	821

Last night at Seibert's alleys the La Belle and Wheeling clubs, of the Wheeling Bowling League, bowled two games in the second series contest and LaBelle was lucky enough to win both by rather close scores. LaBelle rolled fair scores, but if that crowd hopes to close the season with a row of uninterrupted victories they will have to pile up higher team scores than last night's.

In the first game Wheeling led for two frames but in the third LaBelle spurted and passed their opponents and were never headed, though Wheeling made a finish that was hair-raising. LaBelle's lead in the seventh was over sixty pins but the tenth showed up with the victors only six ahead. The score in detail:

LaBelle—W. R. Stevenson 161, W. R. Wells 134, W. B. Day 138, McCoy 126, Rhees 141, J. L. Day 126; total 826.

Wheeling—Grimm 137, Manning 113, Hirsch 129, Bloomfield 159, Reymann 133, Adams 158; total 820.

LaBelle—50 161 255 352 431 525 624 679 715 826

Wheeling—50 137 241 320 410 453 553 653 732 820

In the second game both teams fell off in their rolling. In the fourth LaBelle was about twenty ahead and in the balance of the game they kept about that far apart. The details:

LaBelle—W. R. Stevenson 139, W. R. Wells 133, W. B. Day 150, McCoy 139, Rhees 109, J. L. Day 142; total 893.

Wheeling—Grimm 118, Manning 108, Hirsch 134, Bloomfield 147, Reymann 136, Adams 137; total 789.

LaBelle—79 149 235 312 392 474 554 634 722 893

Wheeling—79 141 225 305 375 452 532 614 694 789

THE DYWER-CROKER STABLE

Excepting Harry Reed There Is Nothing That Will Set the Thames on Fire.

The departure of the Dwyer-Crocker horses for England is being discussed at length by horsemen. With the single exception of Harry Reed, the horseman, as a rule, rate the three-year-olds and upward as an average lot and do not expect them to lower the colors of such horses as Isinglass and the tippers on the other side of the water. Two-year-olds are always uncertain animals until they have faced the starter's flag and raced in company that causes them to extend themselves. Hence the racing men expect that the stable will win some races, but do not look forward to such sweeping victories as were won by Parole, Iroquois and Foxhall. The stable will lose the entire season should Bards Campbell be unable to train them into condition when they arrive in England. Should the stable be sold at auction as one American stable was sold the English turfmen will have a chance to pick up some useful horses as it frequently requires a year to acclimate American horses.

National Skating Races.

The following entries have been received for the national skating races to come off on Orange Lake, Newburg, N. Y., Saturday next:

Quarter mile race (heats)—John S. Johnson and Olat Rudd, Minneapolis; Howard Moshier, Clarence Rudolph and Walter Clark, Storm King; Joseph F. and James A. Donoghue, Newburg; Harley Davidson, Toronto; Bernard McPartlan, Verplancks.

One mile race—Johnson, Moshier, Joe and Jim Donoghue, Rudd, Davidson, McPartlan, Clarence Clark and W. C. Bingley, the latter from New York.

Five mile race—Joe and Jim Donoghue, Rudd, Johnson, Moshier, Davidson, Rudolph, W. and Clarence Clark, McPartlan and Bingley.

Ten mile race—Joe and Jim Donoghue, Johnson, Rudd, Davidson, Moshier and Bingley.

Bingley says he wants a chance to try for several of the world's records. After the national races he may be given the opportunity.

Alexander Island Races.

Results at the Alexander Island course yesterday:

First, half mile—El Telegrapho won; Intimidated second; Lady Superior third; time, :53.

Second, six and a quarter furlongs—Pickaway won; Vagabond second; Kentucky Lady third; time, 1:25.

Third, half mile—Wheoloski won; Dorcas L. second; Rufus third; time, :53.

Fourth, six and a half furlongs—Walcott won; Belgravia second; Prince third; time, 1:20.

Fifth, mile—Red Star won; Drizzle second; May T. third; time, 1:49.

New Orleans Races.

Summary of yesterday's races at New Orleans:

First, selling, six furlongs—Ben Wilson won; Bill White second; Ansonia third; time, 1:18.

Second, selling, mile—Melody won; Baby Bill second; Lester third; time, 1:49.

Third, selling, six furlongs—John Cytha won; Languiappe second; Black Satin third; time, 1:09.

Fourth, handicap, five furlongs—Beale Nichols won; Dearest second; His Honor third; time, 1:04.

Fifth, selling, seven furlongs—Yellow Rose won; Denver second; Lay On third; time, 1:33.

Slavin and Craig Matched.

Frank Slavin, formerly of Australia, and Frank Craig, the Harlem "Coffee Cooler," of New York, signed articles at London yesterday to box ton or

twenty rounds for £200 a side and a purse, catch-weight, in seven weeks' time.

A BANK CLOSED.

The Cashier's Accounts Said to Be Short \$60,000 to \$60,000.

Dover, N. H., Jan. 14.—A notice was posted on the doors of the Dover National Bank to-day announcing that the institution had suspended and that by order of the board of directors the bank's affairs had been taken in charge by Bank Examiner C. M. Dorr. To a reporter, Examiner Dorr said that Cashier Isaac F. Abbott's accounts were badly mixed and there was a shortage which might amount to between \$50,000 and \$60,000. He could not say definitely how much the defalcation would amount to as the books have not been thoroughly examined.

Cashier Abbott, who has been under surveillance since Saturday, admitted that his accounts were short, but refused to say how much. He would not say where the money had gone or how long the shortage has existed. Rumors of a shortage gained currency on Friday, when Bank Examiner Dorr came here. An investigation of the cash account by the examiner and the directors convinced them that there was a shortage. Saturday the vault of the bank, which has a time lock, could not be opened. Cashier Abbott was placed under surveillance and remained in his house all day Saturday and yesterday. This morning the bank vault was opened and soon after the notice was posted on the bank door that the institution had suspended.

Bank Examiner Dorr telegraphed for a United States marshal to come here and take Cashier Abbott in custody.

Abbott is treasurer of the city of Dover and is also connected with the Dover Five Cent Savings Bank, which has offices in the same building with the national bank on Central avenue, but it is said that neither the city nor the savings bank will suffer by his defalcation.

The bank is about twenty-five years old and is rated as one of the most substantial in the city. Its president is Hon. E. N. Brewster. Abbott has been cashier for twenty years and is one of the most prominent residents of the city. He has been prominently identified with the affairs of the Free Baptist church, of which he was an active member, and has held numerous positions of honor and trust in the city. Three years ago he was elected city treasurer as a Republican. Mr. Abbott is about fifty years of age and is a widower with daughter and three sons, who are now in school. He resides in a handsome new house on Arch street. He is under heavy bonds.

Abbott has promised to give the directors of the bank a statement as to the amount of money he has taken and what he has done with it as soon as possible. Examiner Dorr said this noon he thought the shortage would amount to \$80,000.

United States Marshal Campbell arrived in the city this afternoon and a warrant for Abbott's arrest was at once issued. The defaulter heard that the marshal was coming to arrest him, and going to his room he deliberately shot himself through the head. He was dead before the marshal reached the house and the officer did not enter the residence. It is believed that Abbott left a statement for the bank officials.

Parkersburg Notes.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

PARKERSBURG, W. Va., Jan. 14.—Hon. George W. Atkinson, of Wheeling, while here the past few days, attending United States court, announced to some friends that he will be a candidate for governor, and that he finds cordial support in all parts of the state. It is understood that Hon. John A. Hutchinson, of this city, will also be a candidate. The temperature fell Saturday to six below zero, and all Sunday there has been but little change. It is one of the coldest days Parkersburg has experienced for a long time.

MARTIN'S FERRY.

Haps and Mishaps in the Thriving City Across the River.

Many water pipes have bursted in Martin's Ferry during the blizzard, doing considerable damage. Some damage was done in the Opera House block last night by an overflow.

Yesterday the property of William Jones on Broadway was appraised at \$2,500. The book accounts are about \$200. The total, including the stock of shares, foot up \$9,500.

The funeral of the late Isaac Taylor, from the Friends' meeting house, at Colerain, yesterday, was very largely attended. The interment was at Short Creek cemetery.

Clarence W. Scheehle will travel in West Virginia and Western Pennsylvania for Bishop & Kline, a well known cigar firm of St. Louis.

Word was received from Washington, D. C., last night to the effect that Mrs. Dr. Gatchell is much better, and is believed to be out of danger.

Last night Charles Le Rue, of Belaire, was arrested for drunkenness. He carried a revolver of French manufacture, fully a foot long.

Last night the Glee Club was pleasantly entertained in the Shreve-Horvey building by the Uncle Merton Quartette.

The old portion of the Standard mill is off.

Charles Sedgwick is much better. Robert Hatch is ill.

Two Lives Saved.

Mrs. Phoebe Thomas, of Junction City, Ill., was told by her doctors she had consumption and that there was no hope for her, but two bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery completely cured her, and she says it saved her life. Mr. Thomas Eggers, 139 Florida St., San Francisco, suffered from a dreadful cold, approaching consumption, tried without result everything else, then bought one bottle Dr. King's New Discovery and in two weeks was cured. He is naturally thankful. It is such results, of which these are samples, that prove the wonderful efficacy of this medicine in coughs and colds. Free trial bottles at Logan Drug Co.'s drug store. Regular size 50c and \$1.00.

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Veno delivered his third and final lecture to the ladies yesterday afternoon. As on the two previous evenings, the hall was crowded and many were turned away.

After the lecture many of those present called on Veno at his apartments to consult with him in regard to themselves or their friends. He has effected so many cures since in Wheeling that his name is known in every quarter of the city, and his patients are crowded at all times.

During this week special attention will be given to the treatment of ailments peculiar to the eyes. Veno is accompanied by a celebrated French oculist, who gained much fame in Paris for the many wonderful cures he effected. In cases of weak and watery eyes, granulated lids and cataract he guarantees a cure in every instance. He removes cataracts without pain or operation and in many cases he has enabled the blind to see, frequently in a single day.

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Owing to the large number of patients who have daily thronged to the Brunswick Hotel, to see Veno, he has been compelled to remove to more spacious quarters. He has secured a suite of rooms at the corner of Eleventh and Main streets, over Lash's jewelry store. Entrance to Veno's office on Eleventh street. Consultation and advice free for this week only.

BELLAIRE.

All Sorts of Local News and Gossip from the Glass City.

Miss Jessie Dunaway left yesterday for Morristown, where she will act as bridemaid for her friend, Miss Jessie Eaton, of that place, who will be married to-morrow evening to Dr. Rosen-grant.

The senior class in the high school are preparing themselves for the examination, which takes place two weeks from Saturday.

John Hutchinson has resigned his position on the ferryboat Charon to accept one with the Climax ferryboat of Martin's Ferry.

Harry Lazure and wife have returned to their home at Marion, Ind., after spending two weeks with relatives in this city.

William Moore, who had a small fire run through his hand at the Stamping works last week, is getting along nicely.

Miss Deazel took her place as teacher in the high school yesterday, after being absent four months.

George Chisholm, of the Fourth ward, will leave shortly for Cleveland, where he will work.

Services are being held in the First M. E. church by Rev. O. W. Holmes each evening this week.

Ross Eaton, of Pittsburgh, passed through town yesterday on his way to Morristown.

The "Kentucky Girl" showed to a fair audience last evening and all were well pleased.

Miss Bertha Hayes is able to be out after being confined to her home for a week past.

G. E. Morgan is spending a few days at Sistersville, looking after business interests.

Will Hyatt, formerly of this city, but now of Chicago, is calling on friends in this city.

There will be literary exercises held in the high school next Friday afternoon.

A. Herzberg, of Sistersville, is spending the week with his family in this city.

The Progress club will give a dance in their hall this evening.

The Putney class house, below town, is running regularly.

Coleman Ney is clerking in Blakeny's news depot.

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